

EASTERN REGIONAL FFA HORSE EVALUATION CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

IMPORTANT NOTE: *Please thoroughly read the Introduction Section at the beginning of this handbook for complete rules and procedures that are relevant to all Big E FFA Career Development Events.*

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Big E FFA Horse Evaluation Career Development Event is to:

1. Stimulate the study of and interest in equine science selection, management and production through the agricultural education curriculum.
2. Provide recognition for those who have demonstrated skills and competencies because of instruction in equine science

OBJECTIVES

1. To instill leadership and motivate learning in the classroom while developing student skills in cooperative learning, observation, analysis and communication.
2. To develop and exercise competitive spirit in a team atmosphere.
3. To promote career choices by providing an opportunity for contestants to become acquainted with professionals within the industry.
4. To advance knowledge in selection and management of horses.
5. To develop proficiency in communicating effectively in the terminology of the industry.
6. To provide the opportunity to evaluate, make a decision and justify those decisions on conformation traits and performance of horses.

EVENT RULES

1. A team consists of three or four members. A team score consists of the total of the top three individuals' scores plus the problem solving section.
2. Eligibility of teams will be determined and certified by the various states in the Eastern Region of the FFA.
3. All attire and tack is legal in the selection classes.
4. Official Dress is expected for all participants. This includes black slacks, white shirt and FFA jacket and boots (no sneakers,high heels,sandals or skirts)
5. The event Superintendent will state before the competition the number of classes and number of reason classes in the event.

EVENT FORMAT

Equipment

Each participant must have a clean, free of notes clipboard, two sharpened No.2 pencils, and a battery operated electronic calculator.

Team Activity

Problem Solving (100 points)

The problem-solving component of the event is a team activity, requiring all members of the team to work cooperatively to complete the problem-solving portion of the event. This section may consist of:

Multiple-choice exam

Keep/cull

Industry scenarios

Nutrition Management,

Reproduction

Identification of (1) breed, (2) tack, (3) feed

Use of calculators is permissible during the team activity only. Time allowed will be appropriate to the section for that

year.

Individual Activity

Only participants, group leaders, the Superintendent and Official Judges will be allowed within the judging area. Participants must not converse with one another, their coaches or anyone else without the specific permission of the Superintendent during the Individual Activities.

Selection Classes (600 points)

There will be between four (4) and eight classes judged. Up to four classes of halter and up to four classes in performance events with one or two classes of reasons. Classes will be approximately 12-15 minutes in length. All classes will be 50 points. Oral reasons should not exceed two minutes in length.

Halter Classes: Halter classes may be represented by the following breeds and types: Quarter Horse, Conformation Hunter, Appaloosa, Arabian, Paint, American Saddlebred and Morgan. All halter classes will be judged as sound.

Performance Classes: Performance classes may include: Western Pleasure, Western Riding (Pattern One), Reining, English Pleasure (Saddle Seat), Hunter Under Saddle (Hunt Seat), and Hunter Hack. Performance classes will be judged as presented (unsoundness to be penalized accordingly). Note: Contestants may only bring their placing into the oral reasons.

SCORING

The event is organized into the following parts, classes and point values: Possible Points

Individual	Team
Selection Classes	
Halter Classes	50 each class
Oral Reasons	50 each class
Performance Classes	50 each class
Oral Reasons	50 each class
Total Selections	300 - 600
Problem Solving	100
Total Possible Team Score**	950 – 1900

TIEBREAKERS

Ties will be broken by the total score on classes in the following order: Oral Reasons; Halter Classes One, Two, Three and Four; Performance Classes One, Two, Three, and Four.

AWARDS

Awards will be presented at the Awards Banquet. Awards are presented to teams as well as individuals based upon their rankings. Awards are sponsored by The Big E.

REFERENCES

Current Official AQHA Handbook

Heird, James C. and The American Quarter Horse Association, *Competitive Horse Judging*. First Edition. The American Quarter Horse Association, 1990.

Official Judging Guide from each of the various breed associations and audiovisuals.

Evans, J. Warren, Borton, Anthony, Hintz, Harold F., and VanVleck, L. Dale, *The HORSE*, second edition. W. H. Freeman and Company, 41 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10010 ISBN 0-7167-1811-1

Horse Industry Handbook, published by the American Youth Horse Council. Order by calling 1-800Try-AYHC
Equine Science Curriculum -a special project from the National Council for Agricultural Education.

Interactive Horse Judging [CDROM], available from Kansas State University, Extension Service.

Oklahoma State University website/breeds

University of Kentucky website/agripedia

*<http://www.saddleshop.com> - Official reference for terminology for tack/equipment portion of team activity.